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NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR PETER TARNOFF FROM LANE

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TAGS: PEPR
SUBJ: POLITICAL PRISONER RELEASE IN CUBA

REF: STATE 213991

1. SECOND LIST OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES
(I ASSUME FIRST LIST MUST HAVE BEEN DELIVERED DIRECTLY
IN WASHINGTON) WAS DELIVERED TO ME TODAY(AUGUST 23) PRIOR
TO RECEIPT OF YOUR CABLE AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU ON
"EYES ONLY" BASIS IN TONIGHT'S CLASSIFIED POUCH NO. BT1092,
INVOICE NO. C-30, REGISTRY NO. 4037332. PACKAGE
ALSO CONTAINS COPY OF CUBAN "CODE OF SOCIAL DEFENSE" OR
CRIMINAL CODE PER STATE 201069.

2. A MAJOR GARCIA, ALLEGEDLY FROM CUBAN IMMIGRATION
DEPARTMENT, BROUGHT ME THESE DOCUMENTS AND TOLD ME HE
HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS LIAISON HERE BETWEEN JOSE LUIS
PADRON AND ME. HE ASKED THAT I KEEP THIS RELATIONSHIP
SECRET, WHICH I OF COURSE PROMISED TO DO.

3. OVBIOUSLY REACTING TO YOUR APPROACH IN WASHINGTON
(REFTEL), GARCIA ASSURED ME THAT GOC WILL CONTINUE TO
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TREAT THIS ENTIRE SUBJECT WITH GREATEST DISCRETION,
BUT THAT THE MERE FACT THAT THEY WERE HAVING TO CALL
POTENTIAL EMIGRES IN FOR PRELIMINARY INTERVIEWS IN ORDER
TO GET INFORMATION NEEDED ONLY BY USG WAS BOUND TO LEAD
SOME TO DRAW ACCURATE CONCLUSIONS. HE OFFERED TO TRY TO
DISSUADE ANY PERSONS WHO HAVE COME IN TO SEE US FROM
RETURNING IF I WOULD FURNISH HIM A LIST. THIS I WOULD BE

RELUCTANT TO DO FOR THE SAKE OF THE PERSONS CONCERNED, EVEN IF WE HAD A COMPLETE LIST, AND IN ANY CASE IT WOULD NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM. THOSE PERSONS ARE NOT LIKELY TO COME IN AGAIN FOR THE PRESENT, AND WE CANNOT KNOW WHO ELSE MAY COME IN TOMORROW. I ASSUME CUBANS WILL NOW TRY TO DISCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM TALKING BUT CLEARLY THE WORD IS ALREADY OUT.

4. WITH RESPECT TO OUR EARLIER EXCHANGE ON LOGISTICS, I AGAIN APPEAL FOR AS MUCH LEADTIME AS POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR THIS PROGRAM HERE. I NOTE THAT THERE MAY NOT BE MORE THAN 500 FAMILIES SPACED OVER A YEAR, BUT I INTERPRET STATE 201069 TO MEAN THAT ALL OF THEM ARE TO BE INVITED IN TOGETHER AT THE OUTSET FOR INTERVIEWS. WE COULD NOT HANDLE THAT AT THE SAME TIME AS THE DUAL NATIONALS, NOR COULD WE OFFER FACILITIES TO TDY PERSONNEL TO DO SO WITHOUT ADEQUATE ADVANCE PREPARATION.
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